

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**

**ABSTRACT**

Agriculture Department – Convergence in Agriculture and Allied Departments to achieve sustainable and more inclusive growth – Setting-up of convergence committees at District Level under the chairmanship of District Collector - Orders Issued - Reg.

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**Agriculture & Co-operation (FP-II (2)) Department**

**G.O. Ms. No. 47**

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**1. ORDER:**

Andhra Pradesh is one of the leading producers of rice in India and also a leading producer of crops such as tobacco, groundnut, chillies, turmeric, oilseeds, cotton, sugar and jute. Foodgrains production in the state reached a peak level of 204.21 lakh tones during 2008-09 and it is planned to increase it to 300 lakh tones by the end of 12<sup>th</sup> five year plan. Andhra Pradesh is also doing well in Horticulture, it ranks first in production of spices and fruits and third in production of flowers in India. It also holds the first position in eggs, broiler and meat production and second position in milk production in the country. In the fisheries sector also the state has a prime position in shrimp and fresh water prawn production.

To maintain this momentum and to meet the increasing food and other demands, the government has fixed a target growth rate of 6% in Agriculture for the 12<sup>th</sup> five year plan. The objectives of 12<sup>th</sup> Five year Plan are “faster growth”, “more inclusive growth” and “sustainability of growth”. The agricultural development strategies that the government proposes to adopt for this include:

- i. Establish an Agriculture Technology Mission for the state for co-ordination and convergence among concerned departments to facilitate synergistic actions for Agriculture Sector Development;
- ii. Refocus sector strategies to optimize and harness potential of Horticulture, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries as growth propelling sectors;
- iii. Diversify farming systems and achieve complementarity;
- iv. Integrated Soil Health Management including Micro Nutrient balance;
- v. Enhance institutional credit and insurance support to farmers;
- vi. Quality inputs, farm mechanization and automation;
- vii. Improve irrigation services through efficient irrigation water use with farmer participation;
- viii. Aggregate farmers for marketing support and management;
- ix. Value addition through food processing; and
- x. Agricultural research, development and extension.

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A group of secretaries has already been constituted in the G.O. first read above for achieving convergence in primary sector covering flagship programmes of RKVY and National Horticulture Mission etc. with Chief Secretary as its chairperson and other senior secretaries and officers as members.

To operationalize the process of convergence at district level it is decided to constitute a Task Force from all Agriculture and allied departments under the Chairmanship of the District Collector who will also be the chairman of District Level Convergence Committee of Agriculture & Allied Sectors. The committee will be as follows:

- 1) District collector - Chairman
- 2) Joint Director of Agriculture - Convener
- 3) Joint Director Animal Husbandry - Member
- 4) Joint Registrar/Deputy Registrar Co-Operatives - Member
- 5) Deputy Director/Assistant Director of Horticulture - Member
- 6) Superintendent Engineer/Executive Engineer  
Major, Medium and Minor Irrigation - Member
- 7) District Forest Officer - Member
- 8) Joint Director / Deputy Director / Asst. Director  
(Fisheries ) - Member
- 9.a) Deputy Director of A.P. Dairy Development  
Cooperative Federation/ General Manager (in 13  
Districts i.e., Krishna, Chittoor, Anantapur, Kadapa  
E.G., W.G., Medak, Mahaboobnagar, Warangal,  
Khammam, Nizamabad, Adilabad and Ranga  
Reddy) - Member
- 9.b) Joint Director (Animal Husbandry) in Remaining 9 districts  
i.e., Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Vishakhapatnam, Guntur,  
Ongole, Nellore, karimnagar, and Nalgonda  
( to represent Dairy Development Sector) - Member
- 10) Assistant Director of Marketing - Member
- 11) Assistant Director of Sericulture - Member
- 12) Assistant Commissioner Sugar - Member
- 13) Assistant Director Groundwater - Member
- 14) Executive Engineer/Assistant Engineer, Energy - Member
- 15) General Manager, District Industries Centers - Member
- 16) District Lead Manager ( Representative of all Banks) - Member

The Committee may invite other officers / representatives of other agencies whose presence will promote inter-sectional Convergence.

The scope of work for the convergence committee of agriculture and allied departments would be as follows.

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1. Formulation of Annual Plan for agriculture and allied sectors with appropriate linkages and synergies between the schemes of agriculture and allied sectors in the district.
2. Bring about necessary coordination and convergence among the concerned departments.
3. Set a realistic goal for achieving brighter returns for the farmers through convergence.
4. Identify critical gaps in planning and implementation.
5. Review implementation of such activities.
6. Monitor the performance of agriculture and allied sectors programmes with relevance to physical and financial targets in the 12<sup>th</sup> Plan.
7. Evaluate the impact of the schemes implemented.

The Committee will meet at least once in three months. All the District Collectors are requested to take further action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To  
All the District Collectors for compliance  
Copy to Principal Secretaries/Secretaries of concerned departments  
for information and necessary action  
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necessary action.

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